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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crider et al (5,193,483). Crider et al teach a method of raising poultry comprising the steps of providing a facility 10 for housing the poultry having an interior and providing at least one ventilation fan 16 adapted to restrict the transmission of light into the interior of the facility. It is considered that any fan in a window would restrict the transmission of light through the window to some extent. The method also comprising a step of providing an automatic climate control device 17 for controlling the environment within the interior and also having a step of providing a shutter 12 mounted to a ventilation window 11 selectively enabling airflow therethrough which also allows for further selectively enabling the passage of light therethrough.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crider et al. The Examiner takes Official Notice that all fan blades have some type of coating, i.e. paint, and all paint absorbs some wavelengths of light. Also siding, shutters and other building materials on the outside of the buildings which are exposed to the weather would be coated. With respect to the claims, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use one of the many available paints on the market in the absence of any unexpected results.

Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crider et al. The Examiner takes Official Notice that the shutter 12 mounted to the window 11 can be mounted to a window containing a ventilation fan 16. With respect to the claims, to mount the shutter to the ventilation fan windows would have been obvious to one skilled in the art in order to protect the fan blades from blowing debris from weather or to limit airflow such as drafts when the fan is not in use.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6, 9, 14-16 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 21-30 are allowed.

Response to Amendment

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed Feb. 6, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Since light cannot pass through the blades of the fan, the transmission of light is considered to be between the adjacent blades of a ventilation fan. Otherwise, the wording of the amendment leads one to envision a device of some sort to block the light which is actually in between the fan blades. This would either result in the fan bladed being inhibited while turning or if something were attached to the blades, the fan would be less effective in moving air.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

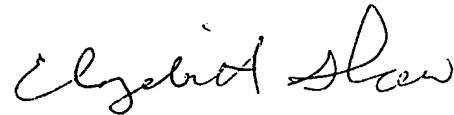
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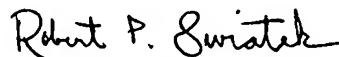
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